

pendent Poland as a barrier against Russia, and that in doing so, Germany wants the moral backing of America as against the allies. To settle the submarine issue, satisfactory would tend to give Germany more backing for the plan she has as to Poland.

President Wilson having decided to remain here, and a new cabinet having been named for the State Department, it is expected that this Government will become active in pressing the issue with England and the allies and also the Mexican question.

Vigorous protest is looked for soon against the order of the allies making cotton contraband. Whether this will be a part of the next note to England is not yet decided, according to the State Department.

It is fully anticipated here that when Germany writes her next note, or when she makes her next statement on the general subject of submarine war, she will emphasize the desire to have this Government try to have the British order in council modified so that the attempt to starve out the German population will be abandoned.

The United States has indicated its willingness to intercede in this end, but whether Great Britain will consent to a modification is another question.

THUGS ROB GEM SHOP AS CROWD LOOKS ON

Three Thieves Smash Window With Hatchet and Escape With \$3,000 in Jewels.

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 30.—Using a small hatchet, three daring thieves smashed the window of Lutz's jewelry store, on one of the principal and busiest thoroughfares in this city, and made off with twelve stones, worth \$3,000, at 10 o'clock this morning.

A number of pedestrians witnessed the robbery, which was completed so quickly that the trio escaped before any effort could be made to catch them. The thieves made their get-away through an alley and waded knee-deep across a waterway which runs through the center of the city.

The police at noon captured William Ginkoff and Irving Skislin, of New York city, and Thomas Ryan, of Jersey City Heights, with some of the stolen jewelry upon their persons, and learned that the fourth man in the band, who still is free.

REPORTS ON NATION'S DEFENSES DUE SOON

President Wilson is likely to have before him by the close of this week the complete outlines of the reports of Secretary of War Garrison and of Secretary of the Navy Daniels on increasing the national defense.

Secretary Garrison is expected to present his report on the army this week. Secretary Daniels will return in a few days, and is expected to present his report. The President will go over them and later on take them up with the cabinet.

Before the army and navy bills are drafted, the President will hold a series of conferences with the chairmen of the military and naval committees in Congress.

Large additional appropriations will be needed for the defense program. Unofficial talk is that a half billion may be called for to carry it through. An issue of bonds or short-term notes to meet the need is likely.

Golden Jubilee for Nun at Georgetown

Solemn High Mass Celebrated for Sister Mary Fidelis, of Convent on Thirty-fifth Street.

By attending solemn high mass, celebrated in the Georgetown Visitation Convent chapel by the Rev. A. Donlon, president of Georgetown University, many prominent members of the Catholic clergy and laity of the District began participation today in the observance of the golden jubilee celebration of Sister Mary Fidelis, of the convent faculty. Sister Mary Fidelis has been chosen superior of Georgetown Visitation four times during her station of fifty years at the institution.

The solemn high mass which inaugurated the program arranged to celebrate the venerable nun's fiftieth anniversary in the convent, was celebrated at 9 o'clock. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Edward J. Devitt, S. J., archivist of the Georgetown University. Every mail brought congratulatory letters to Sister Mary Fidelis from prominent women in all sections of the country, who in the years gone by have been the pupils of the venerable teacher.

CROWDS THREATEN MURDER SUSPECT

Alleged Slayer of Mrs. Martin Guarded To Avert Lynching.

MURPHYSBORO, Ill., Aug. 30.—Repeated threats of lynching today caused a close guard kept around the jail here, where Joe Deberry, a negro, was to be tried today for the murder of Mrs. J. H. Martin, wife of a prominent lawyer, who succumbed himself to the shock of his wife's death.

Deberry was rushed here at midnight, escorted by State troops, when a mob of several hundred gathered around the jail at Harrisburg, Ill., and demanded that Deberry be turned over to them. Three companies of Illinois State militia will guard Deberry while on trial.

THE WEATHER REPORT.

The forecast for the District of Columbia—Partly cloudy; and cooler to-night; Tuesday fair and cooler; moderate northwest winds.

Maryland—Partly cloudy and cooler to-night; Tuesday fair; cooler in east portion; moderate northwest winds.

Virginia—Partly cloudy and cooler to-night; Tuesday fair; cooler in east portion; moderate winds, becoming north-west.

TEMPERATURES. U. S. BUREAU OF WEATHER. A. F. LECK'S. 8 a. m. 70 9 a. m. 71 10 a. m. 72 11 a. m. 73 12 noon 74 1 p. m. 75 2 p. m. 76 3 p. m. 77 4 p. m. 78 5 p. m. 79 6 p. m. 80 7 p. m. 81 8 p. m. 82 9 p. m. 83 10 p. m. 84 11 p. m. 85 12 p. m. 86

TIDE TABLE. High tide, 11:59 a. m. Low tide, 6:33 a. m. and 6:23 p. m.

SUN TABLE. Sun rose 5:27 Sun set 6:30 Light automobile lamps at 7:12 p. m.

TRAIN DYNAMITED BY BANDITS IN MEXICO; AMERICAN KILLED

Body of E. F. Welles and Seventeen Others Afterward Riddled With Bullets.

REPORT CONFIRMED HERE

Carranzistas Concentrate All Available Forces in Last Stand at Monterrey.

Confirmation of the report that E. F. Welles, an American citizen, had been killed by Mexican bandits, was received at the State Department today.

The report, which came from American consular representatives, stated that Welles, who was in the employ of the Tobacco Plantation Company, was on board a train which was dynamited by the bandits.

The American and seventeen Mexicans were killed by the explosion, their bodies being afterward riddled by bullets. Although the reports do not indicate by whom the outrage was committed, they state that the bodies were buried by Carranzista soldiers.

Try To Save Monterrey. That important military operations are in progress in northeastern Mexico was asserted today by the Villa agency, which stated that the Carranzistas have concentrated all available forces to save Monterrey. Large re-enforcements of Carranza soldiers, the statement adds, have been drawn from Tampico.

"Despite these efforts," the statement reads, "the fall of Monterrey into the hands of the convention forces seems imminent. A dispatch to the agency from Brownsville reports the arrival there of Americans who left Monterrey on a passenger train followed by a long troop train."

"About fifty miles out of Monterrey the troop train halted and the Carranzistas destroyed a large bridge, presumably to avoid pursuit."

New Move Due Soon. Secretary of State Lansing is expected to announce sometime this week the next step in the Pan-American Mexican policy.

By Wednesday it is expected that General Carranza's reply to the joint note of the United States and the Latin-American powers will be sent to Washington.

Anticipating a refusal on his part to enter into peace negotiations, it is understood that the Pan-American conference will recommend and endorse a movement among Carranza's opponents to hold a convention in the northern part of Mexico and elect a provisional president.

This provisional President, it is understood, immediately will receive formal recognition from the United States and other powers which will then establish an embargo on arms against all opposing factions.

It is obvious in official circles that much of the success of the new plan depends on the attitude of Carranza's generals, when they find that the United States and the other powers have outlawed Carranza.

As the situation now stands Villa and practically all of his leaders have repudiated his willingness to enter into a peace conference along the lines suggested in the Pan-American appeal.

Carranza's generals, on the other hand, have either indicated their disapproval of the plan or have simply stated that they will be bound by Carranza's decision.

News that General Zapata has replied favorably to the appeal strengthens the belief that the next step will be taken in the near future. Zapata was one of the last of the Mexican leaders to receive a copy of the appeal.

Sharp Sends Notice of Blockade by France

Ambassador Sharp at Paris sent the State Department today a copy of the official notice of the French government regarding a blockade of the coast of Asia Minor and Syria. The notice follows:

"On twenty-second instant, commander-in-chief of naval forces in Mediterranean, acting by virtue of power conferred upon him by government of republic, declared a blockade of the coast of Asia Minor and Syria from Island of Samos to Egyptian frontier or between latitude 37 degrees, 38 minutes; longitude 27 degrees, 2 minutes, east Greenwich and latitude 31 degrees, 20 minutes; longitude 34 degrees, 13 minutes, east Greenwich.

"Blockade is declared effective dating from August 25 at noon. Neutral ships may leave blockade points up to August 25. Orders have been given at same time to commanders of naval forces carrying out blockade immediately to notify local authorities."

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Fresh Clues Are Found In Plot to Fire Ships

Richard Milhofer, One of Lighter Masters Arrested, Is German Naval Reserve Officer—Sulphur Is Discovered in Another's Cabin.

NEW YORK, Aug. 30.—Working on the theory that many of the fires on the ships carrying supplies to the allies were due to the activity of German enemies, Captain of Detectives Tunney, has discovered that Richard Milhofer, master of the lighter Trial, who was arrested with six others in connection with thefts of sugar, is a German naval reserve officer.

Detectives also found in the cabin of the lighter S. F. S., the captain of which, Michael Matzet, a native German, is under arrest, a big stick of sulphur. The fire bombs found aboard the fired liners were made with sulphur and sulphuric acid.

Five of the seven men under arrest are Germans, or of German descent, one is a Swede and one a Belgian. The detectives say that all seven had confessed their part in a scheme to steal sugar from lighters and \$500, part of the proceeds of their latest theft, was recovered.

Captain Tunney announced that the investigation had only begun and more arrests will be made. When asked if he had much evidence that the sugar thieves had fired liners of the allies, he said:

"Well, not exactly enough to convict them before a jury yet."

The seven accused men were arrested before Magistrate McGuire on a charge of grand larceny and were held in \$3,000 bail each for further examination tomorrow when the detectives told the magistrate, more serious charges would be made.

Fires in Milhofer's Holds.

The police attach special significance to the discovery that the fires occurred on three liners which Milhofer helped to load and in each instance the fire was in hold 2, the hold into which Milhofer loaded his sugar. The three boats were the Devon City, which caught fire at her dock on April 22; the Knutsford, which had a fire in her hold on July 20, and the Cragside, on which a fire was discovered a week later.

The police have been working night and day on the case since the fire began, and their theory was confirmed Thursday night when they found on the S. F. S., which was loaded with sugar, a few hours later a fire was found aboard the Dixie, which also had on sugar bound for France.

Despite the denial of the prisoners that they are guilty of anything except the theft of sugar, the police believe the bombs were put into the bags of sugar while they were in transit on the lighters. The bombs, it is said, were timed to start burning in the hold.

When the search of the S. F. S. dis-

closed the stick of sulphur yesterday, Captain Tunney at once asked Matzet about it. Matzet said he had found the sulphur on the street. The stick weighed about one and a half pounds, and would have been enough for several bombs.

Captain Tunney is also hunting for potash, which, when combined with sugar, makes a very effective fire starter. All of the liners on which fires have occurred carried sugar, as well as munitions of war. The police believe that the fires aboard the lighters were caused by premature action of fire bombs intended for ships which were to carry the sugar to the French ports of Marseilles and Havre.

Three Insurance Men Held for Grand Jury

Three former employees of the Prudential Insurance Company, charged with false pretenses in connection with allegations to the effect that they conspired to collect life insurance on bogus certificates based on lapsed policies, were held for the grand jury under \$5,000 bonds each by Judge Aukam in police court today after they had pleaded not guilty and waived preliminary examination.

The defendants are Edward E. Englar, former assistant superintendent of the local branch of the company, and James E. Lanham and Samuel T. Ringold, local agents. Charles H. White, an agent, is already under \$5,000 bond to await the action of the grand jury on the same charge.

To Remove Army Camp From Texas Flood Zone

Though the War Department failed to remove the camp of the second division from Texas City in spite of much criticism of the location until after the recent storm had caused much loss of life and property, it has now decided not to re-establish it. The troops will be removed elsewhere.

Decision not to re-establish the camp was made on recommendation of General Bell.

Secretary Garrison announced that part of the troops would go to the border and part to some other location, not yet decided.

Swift & Co.'s sales of beef in Washington, D. C., for the week ending Saturday, Aug. 28, 1915, averaged as follows: Domestic beef, 10.88 cents per pound.—Adv.

BIG POWDER BLAST IS LAID TO GERMANS

ACTON, Mass., Aug. 30.—The police are today investigating the explosion in the glass mill of the American Powder Company here in which fourteen tons of ammunition, said to have been intended for the allies, was blown up. The explosion was felt for a distance of seventy-five miles.

Despite the statement of Murray Ballou, president of the company, that he had not the slightest suspicion that the

mill was blown up by opponents of the allies, the story that the explosion was of incendiary nature was generally credited here today.

The company will be crippled until special machinery can be duplicated for another glass mill, in which the finishing process is given the powder.

One of the company's workmen, after stating that employees were not allowed to talk, added "that mill was left in a safe condition on Saturday night and we know it could not blow up itself."

WILMINGTON, Aug. 30.—The cause of the explosion which wrecked two buildings and killed two workmen at the Dupont Powder Company plant here remained a mystery today. Officials have about abandoned the suspicion, however, that outside influences might have been responsible for the explosion.

The body of Lawrence Cunningham, one of the men employed about the fuse mill, has been found. It was badly mangled and was thrown some distance from the wrecked building. No trace of the body of Hugh Gilman, the second unfortunate workman, is reported, and it was probably blown to pieces. Gilman came to the mill about two weeks ago from Hallowell, Me.

The explosion, which was heard for miles and destroyed glass windows in all nearby buildings, originated in the fuse mill. Cunningham and Gilman are said to have been working there alone at the time. The company was this explosion is supposed to have caused another in the morning mill. Both buildings were demolished and pieces of the structures were blown blocks away.

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